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Excise

Prohibition of toddy sales on Sundays and festival days.

* 1474 *Q.*—Mr. S. VENKIAH : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken for prohibiting the sale of toddy and arrack and other intoxicating drugs on Sundays and all festival days ;

(*b*) if so, in what stage the question now is ;

(*c*) whether any instructions were sent to the Central Propaganda Board as well as all District Committees ; and

(*d*) if so, in what form ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the proceedings of the Commissioner of Excise, R. No. 2887-Abk., dated 2nd December 1929, on the subject is appended [a].

(*c*) & (*d*) The Commissioner's proceedings have been communicated to the Central Propaganda Board and the District Propaganda Committees.

Medical

Prevalence of "Kala azar" in Kayalpatnam.

* 1475 *Q.*—AHMED MIRAN SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that "Kala azar" is working havoc amongst the people of Kayalpatnam, and whether any and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government or the taluk board to combat the said disease and with what results ; and

(*b*) whether any investigation was made as to the prevalence and nature of the disease by the Government ?

A.—(*a*) The total number of Kala azar cases treated in the Kayalpatnam dispensary in each of the last five years ending with 1928 was as shown below :—

Year.	Number of cases.
1924	236
1925	298
1926	254
1927	157
1928	411

A copy of the letter [b] of the District Health Officer, Tinnevelly, suggesting remedial measures is also laid on the table. The Tuticorin Taluk Board with the help of a contribution from Kayalpatnam Union Board has appointed a lady sub-assistant surgeon in the above dispensary. The Union Board has not taken any steps to carry out the other measures suggested by the District Health Officer.

(*b*) Yes, in 1924. The remedial measures proposed by the District Health Officer were based on the result of the investigation.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 149–150 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 151 infra.

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Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know, Sir, when the lady sub-assistant surgeon was appointed ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know whether the Government have posted an assistant surgeon as required in the report of the District Health Officer ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know, Sir, why not ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because the hospital belongs to the taluk board and the local body has to do it.

Better provision for medical treatment at Panruti.

* 1476 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government propose to take any steps to make better provision for medical treatment and attendance for the people at Panruti and if so, what they are ?

A.—The Cuddalore Taluk Board is maintaining the dispensary at Panruti and Government are making the usual percentage contribution towards the pay of the medical officer. There is no proposal to do anything more.

Government management of the Karkal Taluk Headquarters Hospital.

* 1477 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Medical Officer has condemned the Karkal Taluk Headquarters Hospital building in South Kanara ;

(*b*) whether the Taluk Board has requested the Government to take over the hospital ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take it over in the coming year ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether this question has been considered in connexion with the coming budget ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know how long ago the taluk board made the request ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Six or seven months ago."